**WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY NETBALL TOURNAMENT**

**2015/2016**

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**1. Introduction**

Welcome to the Warwickshire Netball County Clubs Tournament.

The format of the county tournament has been organised so that everyone can play each other once.

Enclosed in this Handbook is all the information that you should require, but if you have any queries please contact us. The Rules and Regulations have been revised, therefore please read them carefully and ensure that you and all of your club members are aware of the contents.

Please pay particular attention around player registration, player affiliation, management of players between squads where two teams from one club are competing in the County Tournament, and the requirements around CAPS accreditation.

Any questions and issues that arise during the course of the season should be submitted in the first instance to Debbie Skene, County Club Tournament Co-ordinator. Contact details for queries etc are shown below.

Finally we hope that all those involved as players, coaches, umpires, team managers, etc work together towards making this season a great success.

*Debbie Skene*

*County Clubs Tournament Coordinator*

**Team Registration Sheets**

Squad sheets must be submitted by **12th October 2015** to the Tournament Secretary. Where a club has 2 teams in one age group, they must clearly identify the top 6 players who will be tied to the highest team. Sample registration sheets are attached for guidance.

**Submission of Match Results**

The completed results sheet, with full names of all players, umpires, scorers etc printed clearly and duly signed.

**Integrity Clause:**

Any team who knowingly and deliberately provides false information regarding identity of players when registering players or naming of players on team sheets may be expelled from the competition.  Disciplinary action may be taken against the club.

**Contact details:**

General Admin, results enquiries, player registration, results sheets

(Office hours):

Debbie Skene

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Postal address:

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Other queries and issues (office hours):

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**SQUAD REGISTRATION SHEET**

TEAM \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_TOURNAMENT GROUP: U16 U14 (*PLEASE INDICATE)*

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Please return to Warwickshire Netball c/o Debbie Skene, 6 Jubilee Way, Burbage. Leicestershire, LE10 2HS

By 12th October 2015 together with entry fees of £30 per team and please make Cheques payable to ‘WCNA’.

**ELIGIBILITY NOTES:**

In order to participate in the WCNA COUNTY NETBALL TOURNAMENT, a player shall be in membership of England Netball as a Registered Participant as stated in the Rules and Regulations.

**INTEGRITY CLAUSE:**

Any team who knowingly and deliberately provides false information regarding identity of players when registering players or naming of players on team sheets will forfeit their deposit and may be expelled from the competition.  Disciplinary action may be taken against the club**.**

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**GUIDANCE NOTES & REGULATIONS**

### **ENGLAND NETBALL & WARWICKSHIRE AFFILIATION**

Affiliation is a completely separate process to the player registration requirements of the County Tournament.

All players **MUST** be affiliated to England Netball & Warwickshire County Netball **BEFORE** they are submitted for registration to the County League.

Please contact Liz Smith (Warwickshire County Affiliations Secretary) if you require assistance with the affiliation process.

## **2. COUNTY REGISTRATION**

*The enclosed Squad Registration Form for the Warwickshire County Tournament must be* ***fully*** *completed and returned to Debbie Skene by 12th October 2015 at the latest.*

Teams may only use those players whose names appear on their Squad Registration Form or who have been additionally registered during the season.

Once registered, players are not eligible to play for another Club/ Team in the Tournament during the current season.

**3. ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION**

Players may be added to a squad at any time providing they are affiliated to England Netball and Warwickshire County Netball before taking to the court.

Full details of additional players (name, address, EN ID, DOB) must be lodged with and acknowledged by the Tournament Coordinator Debbie Skene at the latest by 6 pm on the Thursday prior to the fixture in which they intend to play.

## **4. AGE BANDING**

## **All** players must be over 16/14 at midnight on 31 August/1 September 2015 prior to the commencement of the County Tournament.

## Request must be made in writing to League Coordinator for a player to play outside their age group.

**5. PREGNANCY**

Pregnant players may not take part in County matches beyond the twelfth week of pregnancy.

# 6. UMPIRES/SCORERS

# Teams must ensure that Umpires/Scorers present themselves promptly for their allocated match.

# Do not disrupt the fixtures for other teams THERE IS NO TIME ALLOWED FOR LATE STARTS.

Each team must provide an umpire and scorer for their own match, according to the schedule. They are responsible for umpire’s expenses.

**7. SCORERS**

Scorers must be competent and, for this season, may be active squad members. Scorers must still stand together, away from their ‘team benches’, but may be changed at an interval if a substitution on court is called for. If changes are made, the scorers must ensure that their administrative duties are completed accurately. Scorers may be changed at interval or in jury time.

**8. UMPIRE QUALIFICATIONS**

Umpires must hold a Netball C award or higher. Please ensure that your umpires are aware of the Rules and Regulations specific to the Warwickshire County League.

**9. UMPIRE RESPONSIBILITIES**

It is the Umpire’s responsibility to ensure the match starts at the allocated time; to time the match and ensure it is completed within the appropriate time scales. The Umpires are responsible for timing the intervals and any stoppage periods.

Captains are responsible for ensuring the Result Card is complete this card is complete prior to umpire’s signature. Umpires can time the match or allocate this to a suitable candidate. Scorers may do so if requested by the umpires.

**10. MATCH REGULATIONS**

All games shall be played to the EN Rules of the Game currently in force in England at the time, except where specific regulations may apply.

**11. TIMING**

Matches are **4 x 10 minutes**, 1 minute at quarter and three-quarter time and 3 minutes at half time for **U14’s.**

**4 x 12 minutes**, 2 minutes at quarter and three-quarter time and 3 minutes at half time for **U16’s.**

Injury/stoppage time as detailed in the Warwickshire County League Rules and Regulations

**12. RESULT CARDS**

Match, Umpire, Scorer and Squad/substitutes details (FULL NAMES PLEASE) must be entered and the card handed to the Scorers BEFORE PLAY COMMENCES. Each team may declare up to twelve (12) players. Umpires names should be printed. Scorers will complete the match score details.

After the match the Captains must BOTH sign the result card to confirm they are complete and the scores are correct.

**14. RESULTS**

Results will be posted on the website [www.warwickshirecountynetball.co.uk](http://www.warwickshirecountynetball.co.uk). Any penalty adjustments will be made only after consideration by and confirmation of the County League Committee and/or County Executive.

# 15 COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

All complaints must be lodged in writing within 5 working days and addressed directly to the County League Coordinator (2015/16 Debbie Skene) who will proceed appropriately.

**16. QUERIES, COMPLAINTS & APPEALS**

16.1 The WCNA will have the power to determine the penalty to be imposed on teams and players who are in breach of these rules and regulations regarding the playing of matches in the County Tournament. Such penalties will include reprimands, the deduction of league points, fines, suspensions, and expulsion from the competition, except as specified below:

16.2 Any queries or complaints regarding the playing of a match and/or its result must be submitted in writing to WCNA within five (5) working days.

16.3 **ALL** complaints and disputes regarding the playing of a match and/or its result will be determined in the first instance by a sub-committee convened by the WCNA, which will endeavor to resolve the issue as quickly as possible.

16.4 In the event that any team wishes to appeal against the decision of this sub-committee, it must notify the WCNA within **FIVE** (5) working days of receipt of the decision. In this event, the matter will be considered under England Netball’s Disciplinary Regulations 10 and 12, which allows for an Appeals Panel to be convened. The decision of the Appeals Panel will be final and binding on all parties.

16.5 Any team which wishes to appeal more generally against the governance and management of the County Tournament by WCNA, or against specific decisions made by it, must also observe the procedures laid out in England Netball’s Disciplinary Regulations 10 and 12.

16.6 Any team which fails to observe the procedures laid out in the preceding clauses may invalidate their right to raise a query, complaint or appeal.

16.7 No team may claim victory by default in any match without first submitting itself to the procedures laid out in these rules and regulations.

**17 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISOS**

17.1 All clubs will be held responsible for their players, officials and spectators.

17.2 It is the responsibility of each team to provide adequate first aid cover for its players and officials, which shall also be made available to the match officials on request.

17.3 Clothing:

* No form of gloves may be worn when playing netball. If gloves are required for medical reasons, the umpires may allow seamless leather gloves to be worn on production of an appropriate medical certificate, and provided that they are satisfied that any gloves worn do not present an obvious hazard to other players
* All jewellery must be removed when playing netball, and players wearing jewellery (including body piercing) will not be allowed on court. The following exceptions will apply:
	+ Wedding rings may be worn, but must be taped
	+ Medic alert bracelets may be worn, but must be secured in such a manner that they will not constitute a danger to an opponent, i.e., with clear tape, and in such a way that it cannot be removed/lifted off by any accidental contact
* If scarves or trousers need to be worn because of religious practices, the player and the coach must ensure that the material used for the head covering is soft, without embellishments which might constitute a danger, and with potential flowing/flapping edges held securely around the neck or tucked into the shirt collar as neatly and securely as possible.

**18. PROMOTION AND RELEGATION**

The top 2 winning teams in each age group of the County Tournament will compete in the West Midlands Junior Regional League after Christmas.

All Clubs playing in the County Tournament must be represented at the WCNA’S Annual General Meeting held in May where trophies will be presented.

**19. CONTACT DETAILS**

Any amendments to your team contact details must be notified to both the County League Secretary and the Registration/Results Co-ordinator immediately.

**20. STRUCTURE OF THE TOURNAMENT**

**20.1 The County tournament will be contested between as many teams as shall be determined by the WCNA**

**20.2 Each team in the County Tournament will play the others once.**

20.3 Teams will be awarded points as follows:

* **5 points for a win**
* **3 points for a draw**
* **2 points for within 5 goals (i.e. 40-36)**
* **1 point for over 50% goals scored**
* **0 for a loss**

20.4 A County Tournament table will be compiled on the basis of the points awarded to each team. Where teams are level on points:

* Where teams have equal points, positioning will be decided by goal average, which shall be calculated on the basis of goals

 for DIVIDED by goals against. If one of the teams concerned has been given a walkover, the score of the corresponding

 match, i.e. against the same opponents of the other team(s) involved shall not be included in the goal average calculations.

* If this does not differentiate between the teams then total goals scored will be used.

 20.5 The team that finishes top and runner up of the County Tournament at the end of the day will be the winners of the competition. They will be eligible for promotion to the West Midlands Junior Regional League.

**4. CODES OF CONDUCT**

To ensure that the game of netball in Warwickshire is played in a manner consistent with the ethos of fair play, integrity, sportsmanship and honesty, each club entering the County League or competitions shall sign up to the following codes of conduct for their players, umpires and coaches.

**PLAYERS**

1. Know the rules of the game and play to them.
2. Play fairly, be competitive but not aggressive.
3. During play do not question a decision made by the Umpires either by gesture, look, verbally or by commenting to another player.
4. Keep yourself in control at all times and do not retaliate. Do not use obscene language or physical abuse at any time.
5. Shall not consume alcoholic drinks or smoke, nor be under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs when playing.
6. Accept victory modestly and defeat graciously. Your club will be judged on your behaviour.
7. Thank the umpires for officiating your match.
8. Thank your opposition at the end of the match.

**UMPIRES**

1. Have a duty to exercise reasonable care and skill to enforce the rules of the game so as to ensure the safety of players.
2. At all times, umpire consistently, independently (an attitude of mind characterised by integrity) and with complete impartiality, respecting and abiding by the Rules, which govern the game, in the true spirit of sportsmanship.
3. Conform to a standard of mental and physical fitness, which enables them to effectively, and efficiently control the matches to which they are appointed.
4. Maintain a complete knowledge and up-to-date interpretation of the Official Rules of Netball and be fully conversant with the Rules, Regulations and Scoring Systems applicable to the event at which they are officiating.
5. Be smartly dressed and appear on court in clothing that will project an image.
6. Remember they are the controllers of the game and their decisions should not be influenced by spectators, Team officials or players.
7. Exercise self-control at all times and not commit to any action likely to bring the game into disrepute.
8. Shall not consume alcoholic drinks or smoke, nor be under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs when umpiring.
9. Shall not wager on or coach during any match at which they are officiating as an umpire.

**COACHES**

1. Never ridicule or shout at players for making mistakes or not winning.
2. Be reasonable in your demands on players’ time, energy and enthusiasm.
3. Operate within the rules and spirit of netball and teach your players to do the same.
4. Avoid overplaying talented players; the lesser talented players deserve equal time.
5. Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
6. Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with netball (including opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, parents and spectators).
7. Show concern and understanding to sick and injured players. Follow medical advice as to when an injured player is ready to recommence training and competition.
8. Attempt to keep up to date with appropriate qualifications and coaching practice.
9. Always adhere to the Child Protection Policy to ensure your role cannot be put into question.
10. Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player’s skill development.
11. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every player regardless of ability, cultural background, religion or personal circumstances.
12. Shall not consume alcoholic drinks or smoke, nor be under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs when coaching.
13. Be understanding of players’ personal circumstances
14. Be objective in selection and give as much playing opportunity to all players.
15. Be open with players and prepared to discuss with them any matter (performance, selection, and attitude) that will benefit the player at an appropriate time.
16. Abide by the Umpires and other Officials’ decisions.

Spectators and parents associated with the club shall also follow the spirit of these codes of conducts. Individuals and clubs may be liable to disciplinary action if they have committed any breach of this Code of Conduct or have failed to comply with the league and other competition rules

Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**5. Key Messages from Netball Performance Programme**

**Subject: Working together to improve inter club competition**

Competition is vital for the development of players in the Excel pathway, and access to different levels of competition is important. For this reason, very careful consideration needs to be given to any rules that restrict players’ access to entering more than one level of competition. (EN April 2011)

**To: Coach in charge**

Warwickshire County Netball Association is conducting an indoor county netball tournament to enable clubs to take part in competitive matches, leading into the Regional competition. This system already operates successfully in other counties and districts. A review of the competitive opportunities in the Warwickshire area was taken by the county committee and a number of suggestions were made to further improve things and it is hoped that the tournament structure will continue to meet the needs of all concerned.

It is proposed that the tournament replace the league and be established with the County Committee and the Development Officer doing the coordination and management on tournament day. All entries have been confirmed, further details will be sent to clubs (attached).

* The number of games and timings will be dependent upon the number of teams which enter, but it is proposed it will be a knockout tournament on one day for each age group.
* Talent ID will take place during the course of the tournament with identified players being asked to attend an academy if not already doing so.

Please could all expression of interest forms be returned to Debbie Skene, 6 Jubilee Way, Burbage. Leicestershire, LE10 2HS by 23rd September in order for the fixtures to be confirmed and further details sent.

I hope that the tournament will be enjoyable and your players gain a lot from it and of course we would welcome any feedback throughout the course of the season that you feel may help to improve things next year.

If you would like any further information in the meantime please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Debbie Skene